



A FREE URBAN GARDENING FORUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ANACOSTIA HIGH SCHOOL

Rooting DC is a free, day-long gardening forum that aims to provide education about urban food production, gardening, and food equity with the purpose of cultivating the health of our community and environment.

Rooting DC 2023 is organized by DOEE Office of Urban Agriculture in collaboration with Nedian Consultants



TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

9:00am	Registration & Info Fair Opens
10:00am - 11:00am	Session A Workshops
11:15am - 12:15pm	Session B Workshops
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Session C Workshops
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Session D Workshops
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Session E Workshops

FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks will be parked outside of the school building after 11:00 am

NEED HELP?

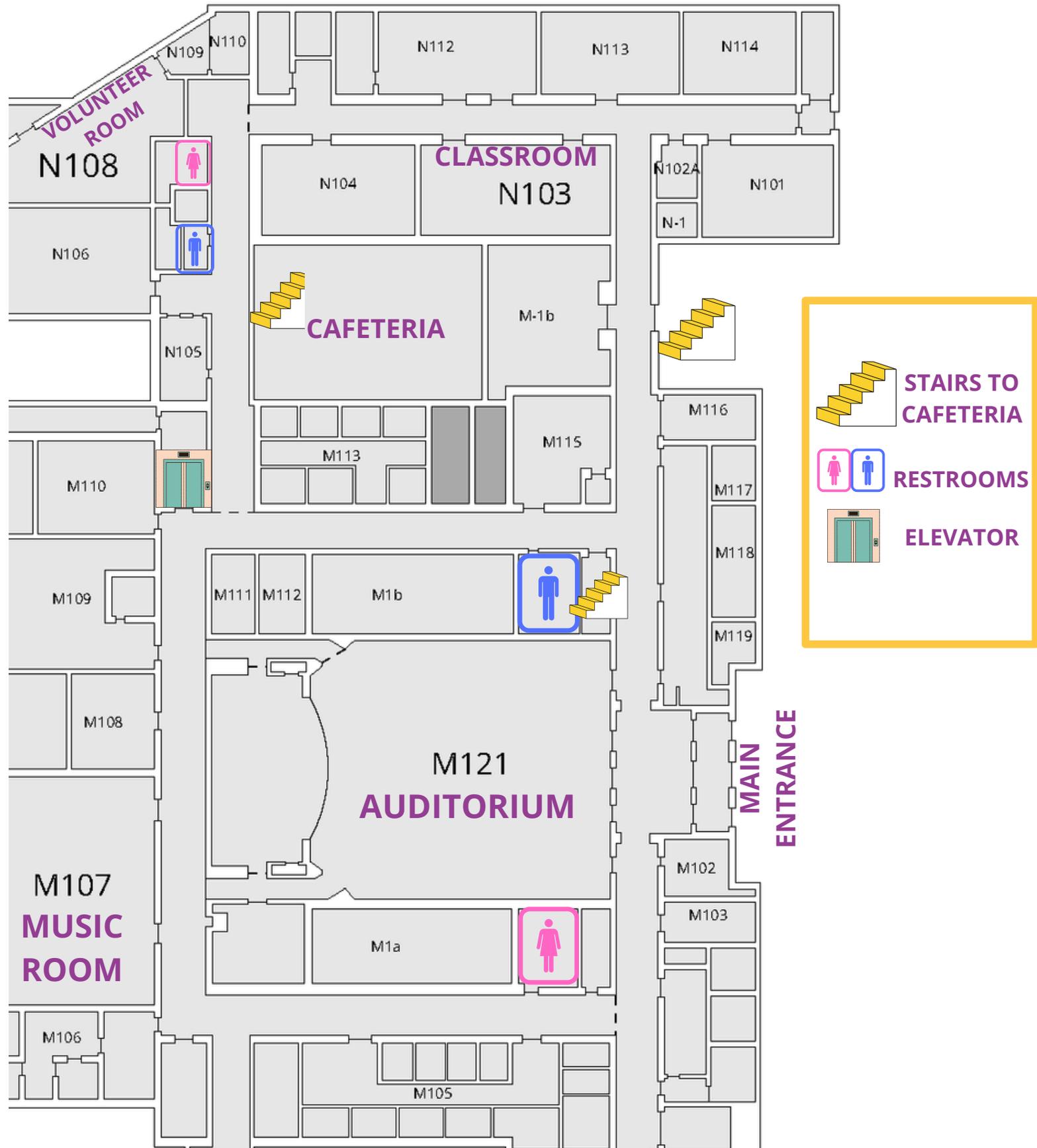
Volunteers will be wearing a Sustainable DC shirt.



ASK ME!

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ANACOSTIA HIGH SCHOOL FLOOR MAP



INFO FAIR 9:00am - 4:00pm

Cafeteria

- A Vegan Life, Inc.
- AfriThrive. Inc
- Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- Casey Trees
- CITYGREEN
- Common Good City Farm
- Cultivate the City
- DC Fair Food
- DC Food Policy Council
- DC Greens
- DC State Fair
- DC Voters for Animals
- DC Department of Energy and Environment
- Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.
- EatsPlace
- ECO City Farms
- EcoBlossoms Farm
- Elements of Nature Urban Farm
- Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild (FMGG)
- FRESHFARM
- Friends of the National Arboretum
- Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- GrowFlo
- Little Red Bird Botanicals
- Love & Carrots
- Mighty Greens
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
- Prince George's Soil Conservation District
- The Green Scheme/Corner water
- THEARC FARM
- University of the District of Columbia - College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES)
- Urban Forestry Division/DC Department of Transportation
- Veteran Compost DC
- Washington Gardener Magazine
- YMCA Metro DC

SESSION A 10:00am - 11:00am

HISTORY OF FOOD APARTHEID EAST OF THE RIVER AND LAND ACCESS AND TENURE FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

 Auditorium #M121

 Calvin Hines Jr, Eightfold Farms ; Yuki Kato,
Georgetown University

Learn how systemic policies corralled Black populations into Wards 7 & 8 and created current food apartheid dynamics. Explore how commercial urban agriculture is a viable solution to directly combating the causes of food apartheid. This workshop will highlight current challenges for land access and retention among urban farmers and seek solutions at policy and action levels to begin to advocate for equitable land access and tenure for urban farmers.

BASICS OF BUILDING GREAT SOIL TIPS AND FERTILIZING

 Music Room #M107

 Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Magazine

Join a discussion on turning "Dirt" into Good Garden Soil, then explains how to keep it healthy and productive.

STARTING SEEDS FOR A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN

 Classroom #N103

 Cristina Flores, flowers x flores

This workshop will focus on how to successfully start seeds at home for a home garden. we will cover germination, growth, transplanting and how to spot trouble before it's too late.

SESSION B 11:15am - 12:15pm

URBAN WATERWAYS PARTNERSHIP AND THE ANACOSTIA RIVER

 Auditorium #M121

 Xavier Brown, University of the District of Columbia;
Leslie Glover III, Natural Resources Conversation Service USDA; Abu Moulta-Ali, Environmental Protection Agency

Learn about the federal governments work with Anacostia River partners to clean up and restore our valuable waterway with the goal of improving the health and quality of life for its inhabitants and surrounding communities.

ECONOMICAL, CREATIVE, INTENSIVE SMALL-SPACED GARDENING

 Music Room #M107

 Linda L. Jones, Elements of Nature Urban Farm

Learn how to incorporate vertical and container gardening to create a highly productive garden in very small, tight and challenging spaces. Make your dream garden and how to feed your family in the process.

THE ART OF TEA

 Classroom #N103

 Angela R. Chester-Johnson, Plum Good LLC

This workshop explores various plants that can be locally grown, harvested, and dried (potentially blended) and used for culinary and wellness teas.

SESSION C 12:30pm - 1:30pm

BLACK PEOPLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

 Auditorium #M121

 Asteria Hyera; Ronnie Webb, The Green Scheme/Cornerwater

Through the stories of Black environmentalists, participants* will be inspired to explore the vast and diverse array of options in the field. The Green Scheme share about youth gardening programs, how they are implemented on a local level, and partnerships in the youth gardening sector.

** This workshop will give preference to Black and brown middle/high school students.*

LEARN TO INSTALL YOUR OWN RAIN BARRELL

 Music Room #M107

 Queen Richardson, DC Department of Energy and Environment

This workshop will go in depth on the Riversmart Homes Rain Barrel program, how to install a rain barrel and the benefits of collecting/using stormwater.

EATING WELL ON A BUDGET

 Classroom #N103

 JuJu Harris, Nana JuJu Rocks Food

Eating well needn't be expensive, time consuming or difficult. This mom of 7 will show you how! Meal planning and food acquisition resources will be discussed, and you'll get to taste something yummy from my cooking demonstration.

SESSION D 1:45pm - 2:45pm

DISCOVERING YOUR CULTURE CROPS 101

 Auditorium #M121

 Christian Riddick, The Afro Beets Podcast

Learn a tangible approach to finding and growing your own cultural foods. Dig into how growing cultural crops can improve our communities and food system.

CANNABIS CULTIVATION 101

 Music Room #M107

 Sebi Medina-Tayac and Ben Holmes, Capital City Organics

Expert local cannabis growers offer an introduction to growing quality herbal medicine at home. We'll review seeds, methods, equipment, and safety/legality for both indoor and outdoor growers. Including a demonstration of an indoor grow set up.

HUGELKULTURE: THE WAY TO MAKE A LONG TERM, COST EFFECTIVE RAISED BED

 Classroom #N103

 Rick Hood, Summer Creek Farm

Learn about the method to make a HugelKulture raised bed, what it is, why it is beneficial and what materials to use.

TOUR A HYDROPONICS SYSTEM

 Meet in the lobby

 Xavier Brown

Hydroponics is the technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil. Tour this example and learn how it's used in school curriculum.

SESSION E 3:00pm - 4:00pm

DREAMING OUT LOUD: TAP IN, TURN UP

 Auditorium #M121

 Chris Bradshaw, Nadra Henderson, Devonte Howard, Will Jennings, and Taylor Lewis, **Dreaming Out Loud**

Dreaming Out Loud will share their work as a unique farm, food hub, and incubator. They'll discuss how to tap in to training, technical assistance, partnerships, and opportunities to turn up our collective impact within the food system, and work towards liberation.

MEDICINE IN THE GARDEN: BRINGING HERBS INTO THE MIX

 Music Room #M107

 Holly Poole-Kavana, **Little Red Bird Botanicals**

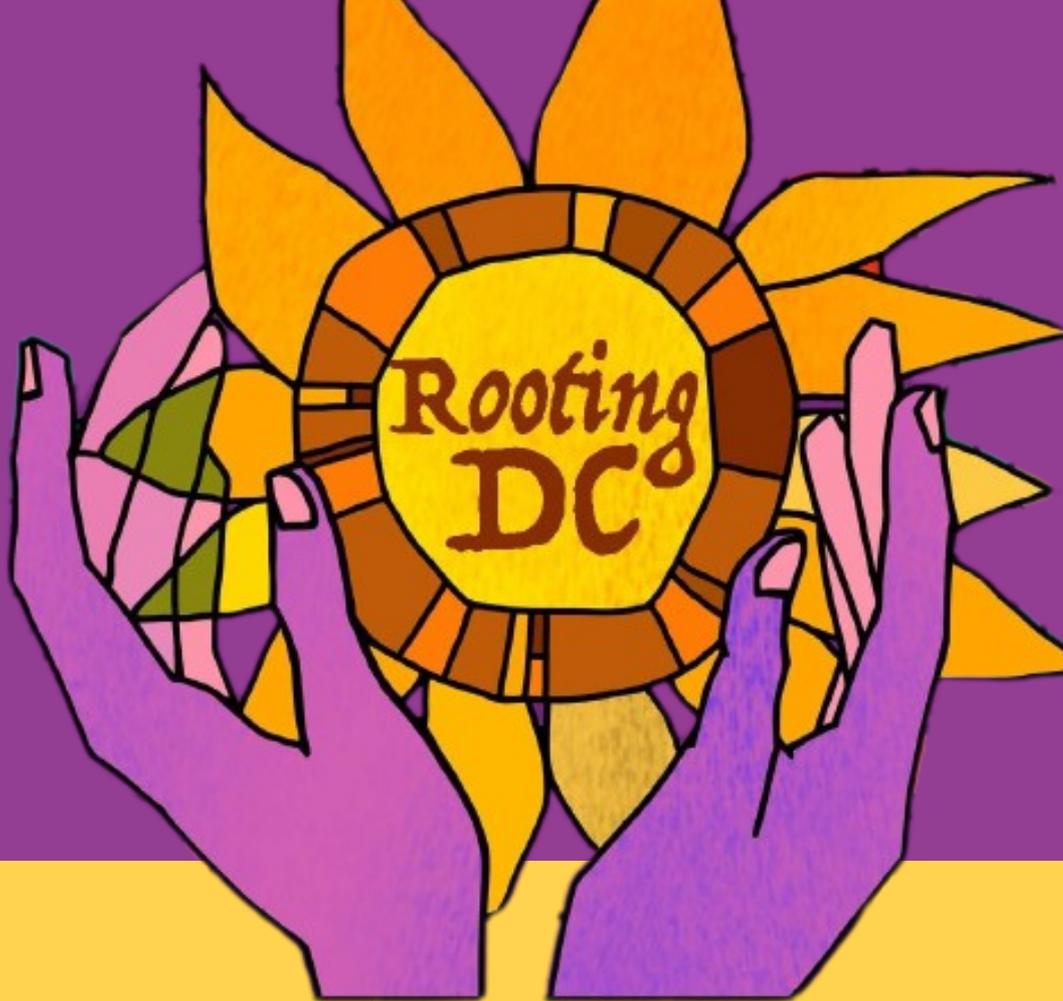
This workshop will explore the medicinal qualities of some herbs that may already be in your garden, talk about easy-to-grow herbs that can be incorporated alongside vegetable and flower gardens, and talk about how these plants can improve the health of your garden as well as yourself and community.

FOREST GARDENS: HEAL THE LAND, FEED PEOPLE

 Classroom #N103

 Lincoln Smith, **Forested**

Forest gardens produce food and supplies from thriving ecosystems. Learn how to create a layered, polycultural food forest. Lincoln will discuss forest garden methods, and some of the great plants you can grow in the DC area with examples from Forested and other local forest gardens.



THE ROOTING DC TEAM WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE ANACOSTIA HIGH SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS A HUGE THANK YOU FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT.

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